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SUBJ: POSSIBLE BOTULISM DEATH

REF: STATE 185524

1. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO RPT NO BASIS FOR STORY SEEN BY FDA
2. AP OFFICE HERE SAYS IT HAS SENT NO RPT NO STORY ON LOCAL BOTULISM OR OTHER FOOD POISONING IN OVER A YEAR. IT RECALLS RECIEVING A DISPATCH FROM THE US RECENTLY REPORTING ON RECALL OF BOTULISM TOXIN CONTAMINATED MUSROOMS. AP COMMENTED IT WAS QUOTE HIGHLY UNUSUAL UNQUOTE FOR ONE WIRE SERVICE TO QUOTE ANOTHER.
3. UPI OFFICE HERE HAS FILED NOTHING ON SUBJECT. IT SENT QUERY TO ITS HEADQUARTERS REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION ON RECALL OF MUSHROOMS CANNED BY AVONDALE, PA FIRM. THIS WAS DONE AT THE REQUEST OF THE HONG KONG STANDARD. UPI OFFICIAL RECALLS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY EXPLAINING TO STANDARD REPORTER THAT NOT ALL MUSHROOM SOUP IN THE US PUT UP BY CAMPBELLS, AND THAT PRODUCT IN QUESTION WAS NOT SOUP IN ANY CASE.
4. WE HAVE QUERIED LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT REPORT OF BOTULISM POISONING BUT ARE CHECKING THEIR RECORDS AGAIN TO BE SURE. CONGEN WILL CABLE RESULTS OF RECORDS CHECK.

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TM CONGEN UNAWARE OF ANY LOCAL PAPERS RUNNING AVONDALE
STORY. MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT OR FDA TO CHECK
WITH UPI AND AP IN US TO TRACK DOWN SOURCE OF STORY.
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